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Rendering. High Line



► The third phase will incorporate some of the old abandoned railroad tracks that are a signature of the High Line park.

Take a peek at what the third phase of New York City's wildly popular High Line park will look like. The third phase, which won't be completed until the end of 2013 and open to the public in spring of 2014, will be built on the former railroad tracks that curve west around the Hudson Yards project. The new stretch will run from West 30th to West 34th streets, between 10th Avenue and the West Side Highway. {page 05}

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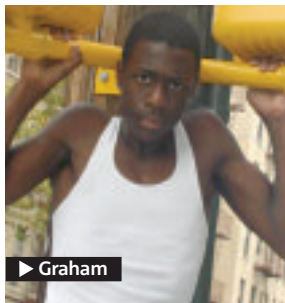
Cruise ship passengers bring in a lot of dough. Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday that the cruise industry generated a record high of \$239 million in 2011. That included nearly 50,000 more passengers than in 2010. Passengers and crew spent \$149.8 million, a study estimated. "Tourists who visit each year come by plane, train ... and, increasingly, cruise ship," said Bloomberg. **● METRO/AB**

In the news



Baker released

The alleged conspirator of a woman accused of running a brothel out of an UES apartment turned herself in yesterday. Jaynie Baker was released on a \$100,000 bail, the Manhattan DA's office said. The Williamsburg resident was wanted for questioning following charges against Anna Gristina of promoting prostitution. **● METRO/AB**



► Graham

Report: Bronx DA convenes grand jury in NYPD's shooting of unarmed teen

BRONX. The Bronx district attorney has convened a grand jury to hear the case of a borough teenager who was fatally shot after cops followed him into his apartment, according to a report by DNAinfo. The

grand jury will determine whether a police officer will face criminal charges for the death of Ramarley Graham, 18, who was killed in February.

Officer Richard Haste has

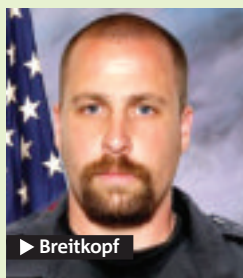
reportedly said he fired the shot because he thought Graham had a gun. The teen was unarmed.

Haste and the other officer present are now on desk duty. Haste was reportedly a

new member of the unit, and had not yet had training.

After the shooting, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly called for an investigation into the training for such teams.

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► Breitkopf

Cop's widow files lawsuit

LONG ISLAND. The widow of a man killed in a friendly fire incident on Long Island has sued the MTA. Paula Breitkopf is the wife of Geoffrey Breitkopf, who was killed last March while responding to a man menacing a knife. An off-duty MTA officer also responded to the scene, saw Breitkopf holding a rifle and shot him, thinking he was the suspect. In the lawsuit, Breitkopf accuses the MTA of negligence and claims that another ex-NYPD officer on the scene was "impersonating a police officer."

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Schumer proposes bus letter grades

NEW YORK. Sen. Charles Schumer wants letter grades to be posted on interstate buses, alerting customers to bus companies' safety records. Schumer discussed the idea Monday, saying that letter grades should be posted inside the bus and at places where people purchase tickets. Many low-cost bus companies take New Yorkers to nearby cities like Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, D.C.

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Muslims respond to poll results on NYPD spying

► Poll reveals how NYers really feel about NYPD's admitted surveillance of Muslims ► More than half asked believe the NYPD acted 'appropriately'

A poll released yesterday indicates that most New Yorkers think the NYPD was right to spy on Muslims, but the city's Muslims say only time will tell how the police's actions will be judged.

According to a Quinnipiac University poll, Big Apple residents approve of the way New York police are doing their job by a wide 63 to 31 percent margin. More specifically, 58 percent of people polled believe that the NYPD's surveillance of Muslims to combat terrorism was "appropriate."

Just 29 percent said it was "unfair."

"New Yorkers brush aside the gripes about police surveillance of the Muslim community," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "Voter approval of the way police are handling terrorism is through the roof."

Zead Ramadan, chair of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Muslim advocacy



► Muslims pray at the Park51 prayer space last year.

organization, said the results reminded him of other events in U.S. history that were OK'd at the time by the general public.

"Once upon a time, we, Americans approved of the Japanese internment during World War II, of segregation and ... slavery," Ramadan said.

He said the public's approval of the surveillance was another instance when, "the opinion of the general public stood against respecting rights for the 'other.'"

Roosevelt Island attorney Mohammad Ali Naquvi, 35, attended at least eight of the mosques the NYPD is alleged to have watched and said he was not surprised by the results of the poll.

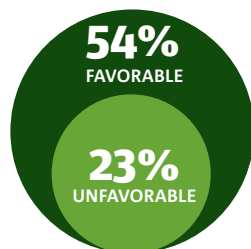
His concern, he said, was that the general approval may open the floodgates to more "unconstitutional" behavior.

"New Yorkers ... must come to realize that surveillance of innocent people can inhibit such lawful activities as free speech, free association, and other First Amendment rights essential for democracy," Naquvi said. "Next thing you know, the NYPD could be spying on your community and getting away with it."

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Polling the people

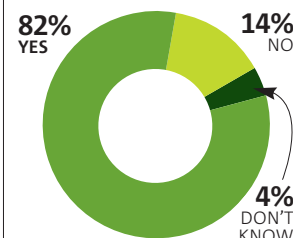
Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam, the Muslim religion?



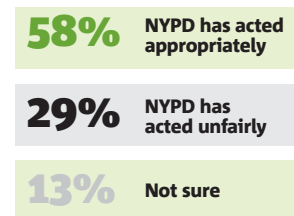
Every religion has mainstream beliefs, and also fringe elements or extremists. Thinking of mainstream Islam, do you think mainstream Islam encourages violence against non-Muslims, or is it a peaceful religion?



Do you think the New York City Police Department has been effective in combating terrorism or don't you think so?



Do you think the New York City Police Department has unfairly targeted Muslims to combat terrorism or has acted appropriately?



The Quinnipiac poll was conducted between March 6-11 through phone interviews with 964 New York City residents. Here are the results:

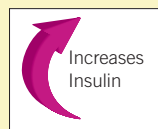
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JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA: Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

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Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

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If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

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Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.
- Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
 - rash
 - raised red patches on your skin (hives)
 - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.
- **Pregnancy Registry:** If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **“What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?”**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor’s instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.

- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **“What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?”**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
 - headache
 - drowsiness
 - weakness
 - dizziness
 - confusion
 - irritability
 - hunger
 - fast heart beat
 - sweating
 - feeling jittery

- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **“Who should not take JANUVIA?”**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin.

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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News in pictures

Third phase of the High Line revealed

NEW YORK. Renderings of the third section of New York's beloved park were unveiled this week. The new section will go from West 30th to West 34th streets and stretch from 10th Avenue to the West Side Highway. **METRO/EAE**

1: Some of the framework will be converted into a unique kids' play area.

2: The intersection of 10th Avenue and West 30th Street may be transformed into amphitheater-style seating.

3: This portion of the park will feature a 70-foot-high passage with planting beds and balconies.

4: The new portion is estimated to cost \$90 million.

5: Construction should be completed by the end of 2013, with a public opening in spring of 2014.



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Experts say changes make sense

Airline industry experts say the deal between US Airways and Delta makes sense for both companies.

"The route swap between Delta and US Airways will add efficiency and economy to both carriers," said Northeastern University economist Harlan Platt. "This is especially true of Delta whose major investment at LaGuardia needs passengers

if it is to make sense."

Platt and others noted that passengers could see higher ticket prices in the markets where a single carrier, whether it be Delta or US Airways, dominates an airport. For New York business travelers like Glenn Haussman, the impending expansion by Delta is all good news. "I'm very excited," he said. **REUTERS**

"There will be so many more direct flights. This means I won't have to go through Minneapolis. I won't have to go through Atlanta"

GLENN HAUSSMAN, WHO FLIES FROM NEW YORK 25 TO 30 TIMES A YEAR.

New route maps at NY-area airports

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For those who fly in and out of New York airports — fasten your seat belts for one of the biggest changes in recent memory.

Delta Air Lines Inc. and US Airways Group are making major alterations to their route maps, with most of the changes effective March 25. Delta will increase the number of its flights by 60 percent and add 100 new flights through New York's LaGuardia Airport. US Airways will reduce its service to mainly just shuttles to Boston and Washington, D.C.

What's happening amounts to a concession of the valuable New York market by US Airways, says Seth Kaplan, managing partner of the trade journal Airline Weekly.

"It's a big deal," he said.

Airline experts say US Airways will be shutting its competitive, and therefore less profitable, routes and will focus on its dominant position at Washington, D.C.'s Reagan National Airport.

The changes will allow some frequent flyers to better consolidate miles and avoid layovers as well as get new destinations to fly to from LaGuardia. But the overhaul could also result in fare increases on some routes because fewer carriers will be serving those routes.

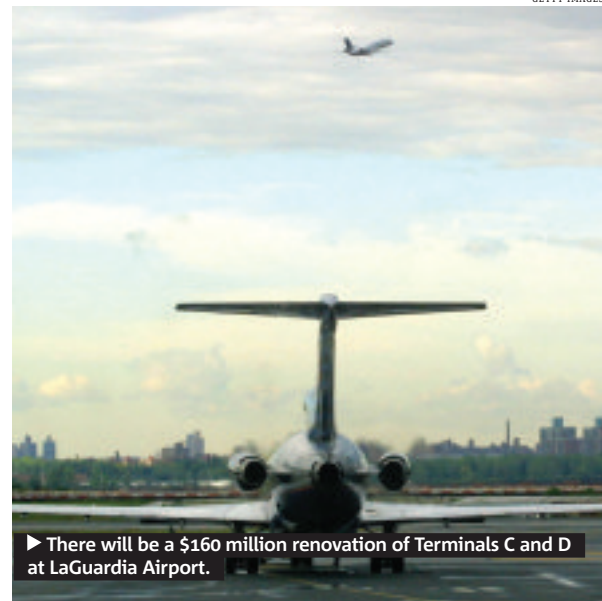
Some other noticeable upgrades on the way: Wi-Fi and first-class service on jets and a \$160 million renovation of Terminals C and D at LaGuardia, said Delta spokesman Joseph Perone.

A second phase of changes is scheduled to take effect on July 11.

"This is a very significant change. It is a massive number of slots changing hands, and it does remake the landscape," said Brett Snyder, who runs the air passenger site Crankyflier.com.

"You lose one player in US Airways but you gain a stronger Delta that's more competitive with United," he said. **REUTERS**

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City's part-time law programs rank high

NEW YORK. Brooklyn Law School, Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University and Fordham University Law School placed third, fourth and fifth on a U.S. News & World Report list of the top 85 programs for part-time law students across the country.

A part-time program, with evening and weekend classes, usually takes about four years to complete, compared to three years for a full-time program.

About 15 percent of all law students were part-time



nationally in the fall of 2010, according to the report.

The report's rankings are based on the assessment of deans and faculty members; admissions selectivity (LSAT scores and undergrad GPAs of incoming students); and proportion of part-time students involved in interschool competitions and law review, in addition to enrollment.

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Top five out

of 195 schools

U.S. News ranks 195 law schools for overall quality. In addition to ranking

part-time programs, they rank schools according to individual program emphases, such as environmental or international law, and skills training, such as in legal writing or trial advocacy.

State joins city to shutter roll-your-own cig stores

► Joint lawsuit filed against two stores that officials say allow customers to roll their own cigarettes, evading thousands of dollars in taxes ► Five other such stores targeted by the city have already agreed to close shop



The state's top prosecutor yesterday joined an ongoing crusade by the city against roll-your-own cigarette stores.

The New York City Law Department announced a joint filing, by the city and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, against BB's Corner, a store in Bensonhurst, and Nitecap Entertainment in Staten Island.

Prosecutors say the two businesses claim they do not sell cigarettes, but instead give customers loose tobacco and tubes of cigarette paper.

Machines then fill the paper tube with tobacco to create cigarettes, which customers purchase by the carton, prosecutors said. Both

"Rather than playing by the rules, these stores ... are cheating the state and city of New York out of millions of dollars per year in legitimate tax revenue and endangering public health and safety while they're doing it."

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businesses advertised 200-count cartons for \$29.95 — that's less than half the taxes alone on a carton of cigarettes.

Selling untaxed cigarettes keeps thousands of dollars in tax revenue from the city and state, prosecutors said.

The lawsuit seeks compensation for the lost tax revenue and to stop the sales and advertising of the cigarettes.

The city has targeted six other stores, in Manhattan, Staten Island and Brooklyn, and five of them agreed to close, said Connie Pankratz, with the city law department.



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What's bringing Obama down?

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As Republicans fought to win over Southern hearts and minds yesterday, a pair of polls pointed toward a dramatic slide in support for President Obama, setting the Interwebs on fire with theories, complaints and cheers.

A New York Times and CBS News poll, the more drastic of the two, showed that the president's approval rating had dropped to a 2012 low of 41 percent, down a precipitous 9 percent from the same organizations' February poll. The apparent drop puts a crimp in the emerging narrative, as of the new year, that a handful of

positive economic reports had put Obama on track to improve his numbers and take the election in November.

Of course, the report set off the race to find out why exactly this poll decline had occurred. From the left, Jonathan Chait at New York Mag claimed a change in Obama's rhetoric (specifically, use of the phrase "America is back") might be to blame. On the right, The Daily Caller found a possible culprit in the ongoing national debate on reproductive freedom, which reporter Mickey Kaus perceived Democrats as clearly losing. There were many others: Political scientist Jonathan Bernstein attributed it to statistical noise, while the Post fingered a rise in gas prices.



► Is Obama's popularity on the decline, or is there some other reason for the polling drop? Let us know what you think at letters@metro.us.

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But for our tastes, it doesn't get much clearer than the revelation, brought to our attention by the good people at The People's View, that the population samples between the two NYT/CBS polls diverged in one telling way: The latter one included far more Republican primary voters, a group of people much likelier to oppose President Obama than the average voter.

Perhaps the takeaway is simply that polling — that great headline-generating beast — is actually widely misused and poorly understood. (Have any of our readers ever been polled? We haven't.) Expect more on this in the future.

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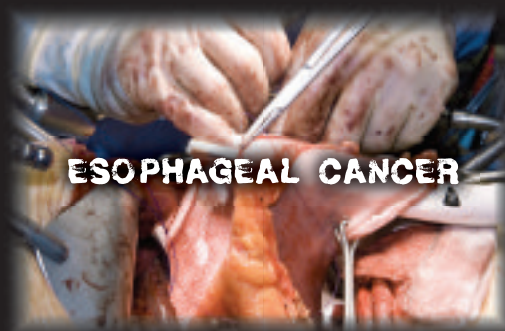
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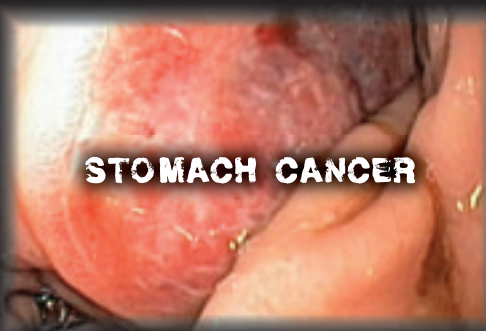
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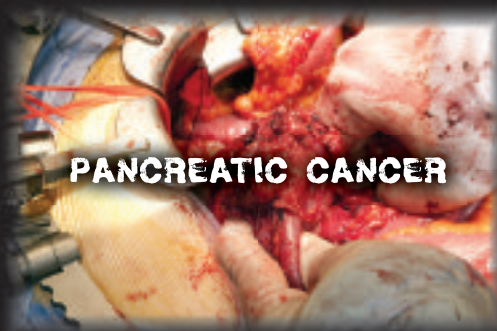
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Taliban threatens to behead US soldiers

► Hours after threat, insurgents open fire on massacre investigators, kill soldier and civilian ► Obama more determined than ever to get American troops out of Afghanistan, but says there will be no 'rush to the exits'

Suspected insurgents opened fire yesterday on senior Afghan investigators of the massacre of 16 civilians by a lone U.S. soldier, Afghan officials said, just hours after the Taliban threatened to behead American troops to avenge the killings.

The gunmen shot from long range at two of President Hamid Karzai's brothers, Shah Wali Karzai and Abdul Qayum Karzai, and security officials at the site of the massacre in Kandahar's Panjwai district.

Karzai's brothers were unharmed in the brief battle, which began during meetings with local people at a mosque

near Najiban and Alekozai villages, but a soldier was killed and a civilian wounded. The area is a Taliban stronghold and a supply route.

The Taliban had earlier threatened reprisals for the weekend shooting spree,

which came weeks after deadly riots across the country over the burning of copies of the Koran by U.S. troops at NATO's main base in the country. That violence led to calls to accelerate a 2014 goal for the exit of most foreign combat troops.

Rush to exits?

► President Barack Obama, speaking after a phone call with Karzai — who is said to be furious over the latest deaths — said the shootings had only increased his determination to get American

troops out of Afghanistan. However, Obama cautioned there should not be a "rush to the exits" for U.S. forces who have been fighting in Afghanistan since late 2001 and that the drawdown set for the end of 2014 should be done in a responsible way.

"The Islamic Emirate once again warns the American animals that the mujahideen will avenge them, and with the help of Allah will kill and behead your sadistic murderous soldiers," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a statement, using the term by which the Islamist group describes itself.

The grim warning, which was unlikely to have any impact on heavily-protected NATO soldiers on the ground, followed the February beheading of four Afghan men by insurgents in a country where such killings are relatively rare.

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Survey. Optimism



► Provo, Utah, is the most optimistic place in the country.

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Where do Americans have the most hope? Provo-Orem, Utah, where 76 percent of residents say their area is becoming a better place to live, according to a Gallup poll released yesterday. The findings show the Utah valley's metropolitan area closely followed by Lafayette, La.; the Raleigh-Cary, N.C., area; and Huntsville, Ala. The nation's least optimistic city? Binghamton, N.Y., where less than 28 percent see their area improving. REUTERS

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► Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip.

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. An Egypt-brokered truce yesterday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants that left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

It was a "mini drill" for Iran, claimed one official after

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Israel managed to absorb some 75 percent of Palestinian rocket fire, using its "Iron Dome" missile interceptor system.

The other "Arrow II" interceptor has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent in trials.

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Gaza retaliates

► 200 rockets had been fired at southern parts of Israel since Friday, after Israel's killing of leader of the Popular Resistance Committee, a militant group behind kidnapping of Gilad Shalit.

News in brief

White House not sharing its wine

WASHINGTON. When British Prime Minister David Cameron visits President Barack Obama this week, one detail may stay bottled up: the labels on the wines the White House pours at the state dinner tomorrow night.

For Obama's first three state dinners, the White House released the name, year and appellation of wines — all American — paired with each course. But that disclosure stopped after Obama's dinner last year for Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Tyler Colman, who writes the Dr. Vino wine blog and teaches at New York University, said that the shift in menu protocol may reflect political considerations given the sluggish U.S. economy. **BLOOMBERG**

iPads an aid to busy doctors

NEW YORK. Giving iPads to doctors-in-training helped them be more efficient at ordering tests and procedures for their patients in a new study from one university program.

Most residents who used the devices to access patient records and coordinate their care said they cut about an hour per day off their workload. Researchers also found that the internal medicine trainees tended to put in orders for patient procedures earlier than before they got an iPad. **REUTERS**

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The first privately owned passenger spaceship is on track for a test flight beyond the atmosphere this year, and nearly 500 people have signed up for rides. Another company just closed on \$5 million equity financing, enough to finish building a two-seater rocket-plane called Lynx. **REUTERS**



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February retail sales highest for five months

U.S. retail sales posted their largest gain in five months in February, with Americans feeling confident enough to buy more cars and other goods even as they paid more for gasoline.

In the latest sign of improvement in the U.S. economy's prolonged recovery from the 2007-2009 recession, sales rose 1.1 percent last month, the Commerce Department said yesterday, after a 0.6 percent increase in January.

The sales gains were broad-based and numbers for previous months were revised higher, suggesting rising employment was cushioning con-

sumers from a steep run-up in gasoline prices.

"It signals that the improving economic fundamentals, particularly strong employment growth, are being translated into higher spending activity," said Millan Mulraine, senior macro strategist at TD Securities in New York.

"This building momentum is especially encouraging for the recovery as it suggests that the self-reinforcing positive dynamics between jobs growth and spending activity could foster a more robust economic recovery in the coming months." **REUTERS**

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► Sales last month were buoyed by a 1.6 percent rise in sales of motor vehicles, reflecting pent-up demand and growing confidence in the economy as job creation speeds up.

How audit firms pump cash into electoral lobby

The world's largest accounting and auditing firms, known as the Big Four, have been pumping more money than ever before into U.S. lobbying and political campaigns as they confront new challenges from their regulator and Congress.

Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers last year spent a combined

\$9.4 million on in-house and outside lobbyists, according to a Reuters analysis of congressional disclosure reports.

That is more than in any other year since 2002, the year of the downfall of former Enron Corp. auditor Arthur Andersen, when the industry's dominant players fell to four from five. **REUTERS**

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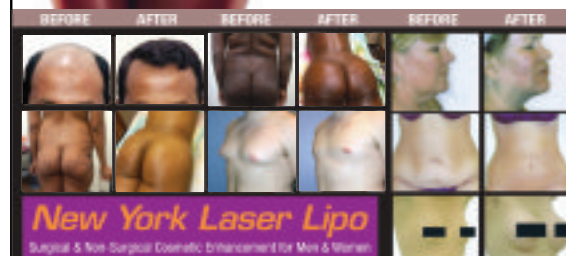
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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Discovery Channel fires Bear Grylls

Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets? In shocking TV news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel has fired the popular, hunky outdoorsman after the network was unable to get the “Man Vs. Wild” star to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British star has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006, and in that time has become an international sensation — channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his own clothing line and a video game.

Strange: Of course Grylls

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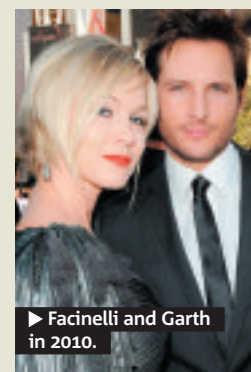
“Due to a continuing contractual dispute with Bear Grylls, Discovery has terminated all current productions with him.”

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should honor his contract, but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would so abruptly fire one of its most successful personalities. Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do.



► What will Grylls do next?



► Facinelli and Garth in 2010.

Peter Facinelli, Jennie Garth to divorce

One of Hollywood's “longest” unions is no more: **Peter Facinelli** and **Jennie Garth** are divorcing.

After 11 years of marriage, the “Twilight” actor, 38, and “Beverly Hills, 90210” alum, 39, have split, they told Us Weekly in a statement.

“While we have decided to end our marriage, we both share the same deep love and devotion to our children,” Facinelli and Garth tell Us. “We remain dedicated to raising our beautiful daughters together. We ask for privacy and respect during this time.”

The pair have three daughters: Luca, 14, Lola, 9, and Fiona, 5.

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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Victoria Beckham likes making her friends play dress-up, Gwyneth Paltrow is pleased with herself, Rob Lowe is feeling a little sore and Albert Brooks is unimpressed with construction.

@victoriabeckham my friend Gwyneth looks so good in the slouch coat from my summer collection!!

@GwynethPaltrow Dude. Seriously. I love my life.

@RobLowe Spring break with the family. Skiing and Advil.

@AlbertBrooks China builds 30 story hotel in 15 days and my exit on the 405 has been closed for 3 months.

Talking points

Spears disputes ‘X Factor’ contract

Maybe **Britney Spears** won't be taking a spot at the “X Factor” judge table, after all. The singer has reportedly balked at a \$10 million offer from **Simon Cowell**'s singing competition after asking for \$20 million, according to Hollywood Life. But negotiations aren't dead, as



► Spears

Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an “exit clause” allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted. “Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her \$12 to \$15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance,” a source says.

Why Leo DiCaprio is still single

Why is **Leonardo DiCaprio** still single? Because he hasn't found

love yet, he says. “My first love? Boy, I don't even remember,” DiCaprio tells the Sun. “I suppose if I'd found my true love I would be married right now, wouldn't I?” And while he still hasn't found what he's looking for, DiCaprio has definitely learned what he doesn't want: “Pretentious women really turn me off,” he says. “Vindictive women, too.”

Simpson needs to take off the heels

Jessica Simpson looks to be

ready to give birth any day now, and she can't wait — since at least it will get her off her feet. “We're waddling at this point,” Simpson tells **Jay Leno** during an interview on the “Tonight” show. “I'm wearing 6-inch heels today, and it's a lot of weight to carry on 6 inches.” But as much as her feet might be aching, Simpson acknowledges that's nothing compared to what's to come. “Labor is really going to hurt,” she says. “I have so much respect for my mom and all the women across the world.”



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Getting all dolled up

1. Victoria's Secret Angels **Candice Swanepoel** and **Erin Heatherton** attended Victoria's Secret Very Sexy Tour stop in New York at the Victoria's Secret at Herald Square on Tuesday in New York City.

2. Jenni "JWoww" Farley was spotted on location for "Snooki and JWoww vs. the World" on Monday in Jersey City, N.J.

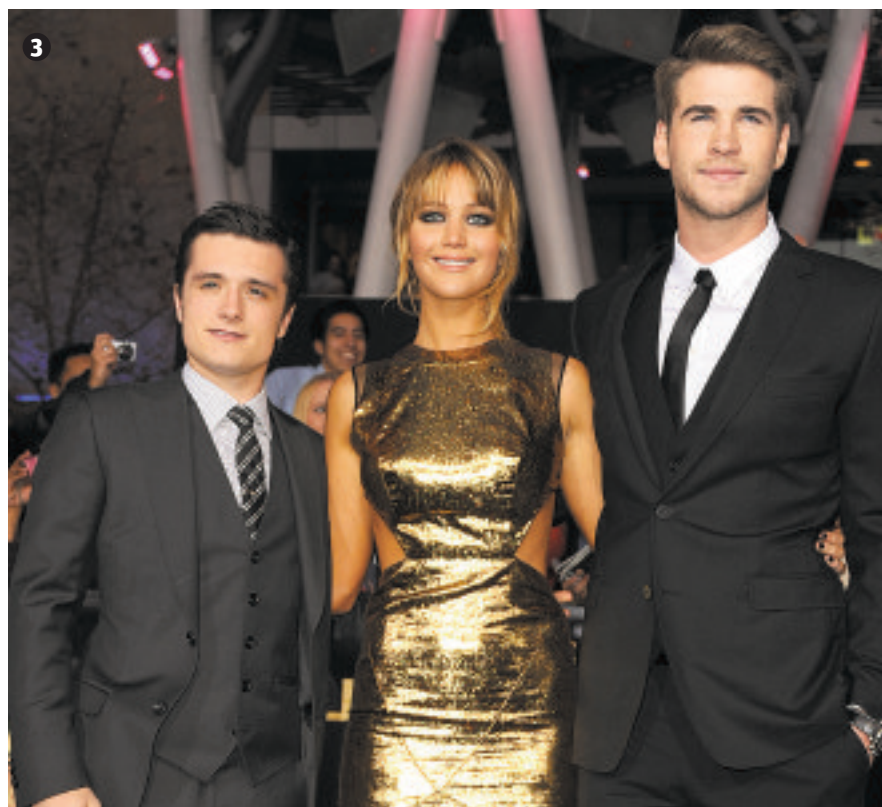
3. It's "Hunger Games" time! **Josh Hutcherson**, **Jennifer Lawrence**, and **Liam Hemsworth** arrived at the premiere of Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games" at Nokia Theatre on Monday in Los Angeles.

4. **Michael Cerveris**, **Elena Roger** and **Ricky Martin** attended the "Evita" Broadway revival curtain call and press conference at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Monday in New York City.

5. **Jennifer Lopez**, center, is seen on the set for her newest music video "Follow The Leader" with **Wisin**, left, and **Yandel** on Monday in Acapulco, Mexico.

6. Actress/author **Kristen Johnston** attended the release party for her recovery memoir "Guts" at 230 Fifth Avenue on Monday in New York City.

7. Guess who else was at "The Hunger Games" premiere? **Miley Cyrus**, who dates the film's co-star, **Liam Hemsworth**.



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Digital printing company CanvasPop is at it again. The Web-based print shop has been printing Instagram snapshots for mobile photographers since November. Now, Facebook photos can be printed on canvas.

Since inception, the company has wanted to dive head-first into the world's largest archive of pictures on Earth. Perfecting the process to turn typically low-resolution Facebook pictures into smooth, large-format prints took more than two years, co-founder of CanvasPop Adrian Salamunovic told Mashable.

"We want to tap into that market," he says. "This is where people keep images that are more important to them personally."

When the company started

How it works

When a small, low-resolution picture is enlarged, its pixels, or the little squares making up the picture, get distorted. CanvasPop created PicturePerfect technology, which is a process called "micro-vectorization." The technology turns pixels into little lines that can be enlarged to any size without losing smoothness of the image. This is only a small part of the secret sauce, Salamunovic says.

printing digital pictures, customers would come in with low-resolution Facebook pictures they wanted to print after being turned away from other companies. CanvasPop welcomed them with open arms. The company claims to be the first to print enlarged Facebook photos of any size on canvas.

"We took that on as a challenge to develop something that will work with these images, all these images that our competitors can't," he says. "We will be able to take up all the business that our competitors can't — that is really the root of this idea."


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The decorated waist

Inhale and hold. The waist was a major focal point for the fall shows. Burberry Prorsum highlighted it with little bows, Etro played it up with horsey harnesses and peplums, while Fendi and Acne cinched it with wide, sculpting belts. This is probably the easiest idea to adopt now. Simply grab a ribbon and tie it around any one of spring's trendy, ladylike dresses.



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Clothes you can breathe in

Despite all the nipped and cinched waists we've seen all month, there was also an overall no-squeezing-required ease to a lot of the clothes designers showed for fall. Basically, you don't have to have the perfect body to pull them off. Think relaxed and slouchy



► Fendi

trousers (as seen at Balenciaga, Dries van Noten and Proenza Schouler, to name a few) and skirts that are forgivingly full and knee-length (Marc Jacobs, Rodarte and Rochas are good examples). So go ahead and eat the bun that came with that hamburger.

THIS FALL

Dark and moody colors

The darker the color, the more on-trend you'll be come fall. Burgundy, oxblood and purple were the colors of the season in New York and London, showing up everywhere from Diane von Furstenberg to Jason Wu to Christopher Kane. And black dominated Milan and Paris — just look at Gucci, Alberta Ferretti, Roberto Cavalli, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent for proof. You get extra points if you go dark from head to toe a la Rooney

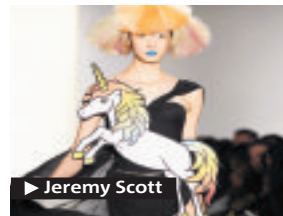
The fashion month that was

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Jeremy Scott attached a giant white unicorn to a black evening dress. And Jean-Charles de Castelbajac affixed life-size tucan heads to the shoulders of tweed suits. But unless your name is Lady Gaga, neither of these looks will go over well in the day-to-day.



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The SXSW Music Conference in Austin, Texas, officially started yesterday, but today is the day that the thousands of artists from all over the world really begin to pour in — and subsequently plug in — and rock out. Today is also the day I touch down in Texas, with an itinerary that includes a dozen in-person interviews with some of the fest's most promising acts and a concert calendar that will likely shift based on the buzz these acts generate. But for now, here's who I'm eager to hear.

From NYC to Austin

Here are some of the local acts that will be representing the five boroughs at SXSW this week: Beach Fossils, Bear in Heaven, Blood Orange, Buckshot, Class Actress, Franks (Just Frank), Jonny Corndawg, Garland Jeffreys, Hopsitality, Jukebox the Ghost, Magnetic Fields, The Men, Oberhofer, Prince Rama, Katey Red, Jasmine Solana, Sharon Van Etten, VHS or Beta, White Rabbits



Michael Kiwanuka



Little Roy



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The artists

- ▶ **Michael Kiwanuka**
Everything about this Brit singer screams retro. Well, maybe not screams it as much as delicately sings it. He has definitely tapped into the same strain of soul and folk (can I call that "soulk"?). That Marvin Gaye tapped into on "What's Going On." But where Kiwanuka's sound and appearance are throwbacks, his talent is timeless.
- ▶ **Little Roy**
A reggae artist from Jamaica who's been recording since the '60s with the island's most legendary producers? That sounds a lot like Jimmy Cliff, who I'm also psyched to see at SXSW, but what sets Little Roy apart is that his latest album, "Battle For Seattle," is all Nirvana covers!

- ▶ **Cloud Nothings**
Speaking of Nirvana, remember in the '90s when everybody tried to sound like them, but mostly just focused on their moody side, and totally ignored Kurt Cobain's passion for pop melodies? Cloud Nothings fix that. This Cleveland combo combine the aforementioned moodiness with the aforementioned pop and decorate it with a whole lotta racket and quite possibly the best yelling I've heard in the past 10 years.
- ▶ **Youth Lagoon**
Trevor Powers records quiet electronic bedroom music. I'm not dubbing it this because it sounds like he records it in his bedroom (although it does), but I'm calling it bedroom music because it's made of the same blissful moods and melodies that the best dreams are made of.

- ▶ **Bleached**
Imagine if the Ramones were really related ... and there were only two of them ... and they were girls! You'd basically have sisters Jessica and Jennifer Clavin. These L.A. women write melodic punk with an eye toward '60s pop song structures, as evidenced in their tellingly titled awesome single, "Searching Through the Past."
- ▶ **Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band**
This young upstart from Jersey shows some promise. Wait ... I just Wikied this guy. Apparently he's on his 17th album? What's he doing at a conference for artists who haven't broken out yet? He's giving the conference's keynote speech and playing a gig at an as-of-yet unannounced small club tomorrow. That sounds pretty Boss!

- ▶ **Purity Ring**
This Canadian electronic duo has been featured in Metro before, but because of the exposure that SXSW provides, this trip will be a big one for them and that weird handmade instrument they lug around with them that looks like a twisted row of bar taps. The same holds true for their electronic compatriot Grimes.
 - ▶ **J. Roddy Walston & the Business**
It's not their leader's first name that tempts me to use the word "rowdy" to describe these Baltimore boys. It's the singer's raw voice blended with crunchy guitars and soulful keys, delivering songs that sound like they may fall apart.
- Music Editor Pat Healy heads down South for the SXSW Music Conference today. Follow him on Twitter @metrousmusic.

TV watch list



▶ Cameron, aka Fizbo (Eris Stonestreet), and his fellow clowns bury a mentor on "Modern Family"

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'Modern Family'

COMEDY. There are tears for a beloved clown mentor, whose funeral brings out Cameron's estranged ex-clown partner, Lewis (guest star Bobby Cannavale). Meanwhile, Phil goes head-to-head with a real estate rival (guest Ellen Barkin). 9 p.m., ABC

'Interior Therapy with Jeff Lewis'

REALITY. The OCD house-flipper turns his talent for interiors into a new venture/reality series, in which the whole gang — including assistant Jenni and housekeeper Zoila — attempt to create harmony in their clients' homes. Series premiere, 9 p.m., Bravo

'South Park'

COMEDY. In the animated series' 16th season, are there any controversies left for these boys to stir up? When they incite catastrophe involving toilet seats and the TSA, the answer is, undoubtedly, yes. Season premiere, 10 p.m., Comedy Central

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► From left, Johnson, Farrar, James (or Yames, if you will) and Parker recorded “New Multitudes,” the unpublished songs of Woody Guthrie.

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It is within this history of retelling the tales of others that the recent “New Multitudes” record came to be. Paying homage to Woody, with his centennial birthday approaching, four of America's most earnest troubadours united to honor him by recording an album of his previously unreleased songs and taking those tunes on the road for a brief American tour.

First conceived by Jay Farrar (Uncle Tupelo, Son Volt, Gob Iron) back in 1995 as a poten-

tial collaboration between he and Billy Bragg, the idea fell through and his old Tupelo bandmate Jeff Tweedy pursued the project with Bragg instead.

“I don't know what happened,” says Farrar of the Wilco frontman. “But frankly I don't really care, which is important.”

A decade later, Farrar, together with Anders Parker (also of Gob Iron), received the blessing of Woody's daughter, Nora, to browse the Guthrie archives and record more unreleased material. Farrar says the archives occupied just a few rooms, but they were filled with material. “It was essentially a repository of all things Woody,” he says.

Farrar says Guthrie's importance can't be overstated: “You can draw a flowchart with people that Woody Guthrie influenced along the way,” he says. “Woody was the first guy who could change the world through music.”

Humbling feelings

After recording tracks with Parker, Farrar expanded the band with My Morning Jacket's Jim James (who for this project goes by Yim Yames) and Will Johnson (Centro-Matic, South San Gabriel).

“This is one of the most humbling feelings I've ever experienced,” says Johnson. “It is truly one of the highest honors. ... Woody Guthrie was always important to me as a kid, thanks to my folks and my grandparents and adults around me. By 1997, I really started exploring deeper into how complex and encompassing he was on all life levels. I always kind of thought that Woody was one of the original punk rockers. ... He was looking death straight in the eye and not afraid of it.”

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"Colon health is extremely important, because colon cancer is extremely common," warns Columbia Doctors Medical Group gastroenterologist Dr. Maxwell M. Chait. "Around 150,000 colon cancers are diagnosed in the U.S. annually. Around 50,000 are fatal," he adds.

"It's basically our waste disposal. It's part of the digestive tract, but most of the nutrition has already been absorbed," he explains of the colon. Even so, the colon plays a crucial role in absorbing, or reabsorbing, water and water-soluble elements, such as electrolytes from the di-



► Your doctor can alleviate concerns you might have about going in for a colonoscopy.

gested mush passing through it (we said it wasn't glamorous).

Colon disease manifests itself through inflammatory bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, which all have warning signs of abdominal pain. Colon cancer, however, starts with painless precancerous polyps or lesions

that often go unnoticed until serious.

"It's a silent disease," says Dr. Chait. "Often there is no pain or symptoms in the early stages. Colonoscopies have been great for catching polyps before they become cancerous. Early detection increases survival rate by 90 percent."

What's a colonoscopy like?

Bottom line: It's nothing you can't handle. You don't have to go to the hospital to get it done, and usually you're home the same day. Dr. Chait fills us in on the rest:

Preparation:

► You'll be on a liquid diet the day before, which will include cathartics to ready your body for the procedure. Many are available as liquids, tablets and powders to be dissolved in clear juice, soda or water. Ask your doctor which would be the most palatable for you. Take it easy and stay near a bathroom.

Procedure:

► You're sedated, which means you're sleepy or completely asleep and comfortable for the procedure.
► Your doctor inserts a tube and passes it around the colon, monitoring for abnormalities.
► Biopsies are taken or polyps are removed. This adds no pain.

Recovery:

► You may have some gas or bloating for a few hours after.
► You should rest that day after the procedure and eat light.
► You can return to normal diet and activity the next day. If polyps are removed, your doctor may suggest a low-fiber diet and avoidance of heavy lifting for a few days.

Get screened

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month:

► The American Cancer Society recommends men and women begin colonoscopy screening at age 50. Dr. Chait advises people at greater risk from hereditary or ethnic factors — such as people with a family history and African-Americans — begin at age 45 or younger. The best advice, he says, is prevention via a healthy lifestyle. "Colon cancer is 20 percent genetic and 80 percent environment," he says. "Diet is a big factor: Avoid refined sugar, animal fat, smoking and alcohol. Eat a diet that's high in fiber with plenty of vegetables and fruits. Vitamin D and calcium have been shown to [help]."

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pressed by alcohol, you could aspirate (inhale) anything you vomit while unconscious, resulting in a lack of oxygen to the brain and coma or death.

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ation and treatment.

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Show some respect for others' beliefs

RE: "FAITH: BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR MAKER": Kirk Cameron's unsolicited opinions on right and wrong remind us all once again that actors make lousy politicians, and if you think I mean Reagan, you're right. **M. E. THOMPSON VIA E-MAIL**

Many who condemn Kirk Cameron, trash the Bible and insult/mock God for the condemnation of the act of homosexuality are the same ones who in the name of political correctness promote re-

ligious tolerance and respect for other beliefs — as long as its not Bible-based! Why not show the same respect for Christianity as you do Islam, homosexuality, atheism and all other beliefs and lifestyles? **DOMINGO RIVERA, VIA E-MAIL**

Corporations should pay for their sins

Why do I have to pay for the "budget gap"? My salary has been frozen for more than two years, while expenses for the public transportation I use, food and utilities and postal service were increased

from 16 to 50 percent. When people work they pay income taxes. When people work they make purchases, paying sales tax. When people work, companies manufacturing in the U.S. pay taxes. When people work, they make goods — competing with those from China. Long ago, our grandfathers fought for the benefits employees have now: the 40-hour business week, two-day weekends, health insurance and retirements. Now we watch as our governments tirelessly reduce all those benefits. Why are corporations laying people off for cheap la-

bor overseas, allowing them to pay little in taxes, not paying for that? Maybe because those fat cats are the biggest money donors for those lawmakers, who are now fighting to cut all of our incomes? **NIKOLAS MOSTAPOULOS, VIA E-MAIL**

Afghanistan is our biggest muddy

Some of you know the song "The Big Muddy," about a troop following their commander across a river, neck-deep in mud. A low-ranking officer questions the wisdom of continuing, and he is ridiculed. The commander continues; once he's in over his head, the commander drowns. The war in Afghanistan is one of our big mudgies.

VIRGINIA PRATT, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A friend who is in need of a strong shoulder to cry on is likely to come to you with some frustrating burdens.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Most of the effort you expend on behalf of others will go unrewarded or unappreciated, even though you probably won't mind.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Direct your creativity toward gratifying a personal objective that you've been fearful to try.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Something that has caused you nothing but frustration recently can be taken care of if you make it your prime target.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although you'll be willing to work hard, the success of a project is likely to be due in part to a few others who pitch in and help.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although your goals might be a bit difficult to achieve, the rewards they offer

could be so enticing that they'll impel you to at least try.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Instead of finally being able to coast as you thought, it might become necessary for you to step up the pace.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you keep searching, you will find an answer to a situation that appears to have no valid solution.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If your hopes and expectations appear to be a bit high to others, don't let their negative thinking cause you to believe otherwise.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you have to work hard for what you hope to get, remember: It will be well worth it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you truly believe in your ideas, you shouldn't have any problem convincing others of their worth.

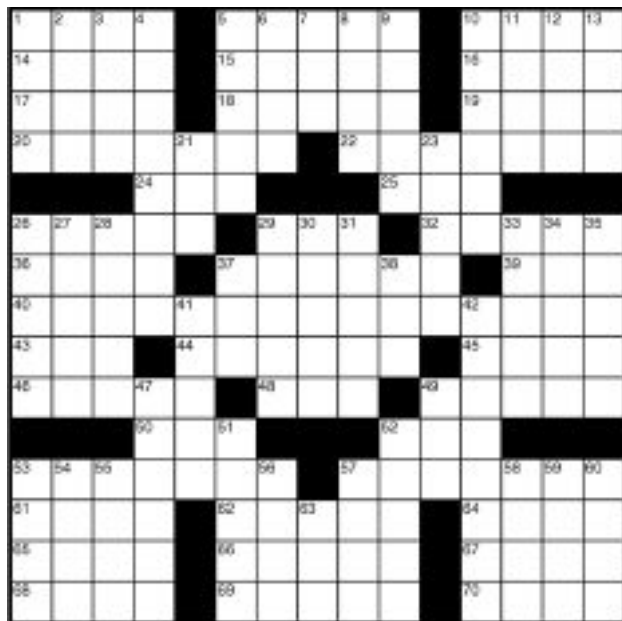
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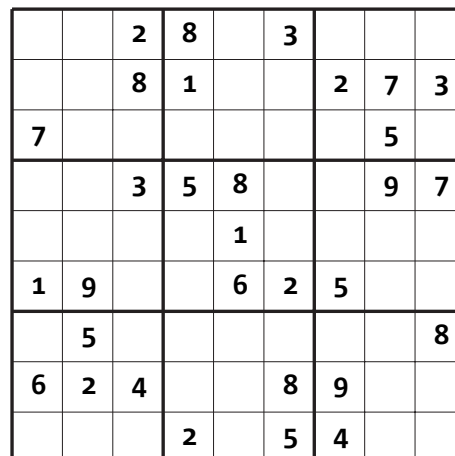
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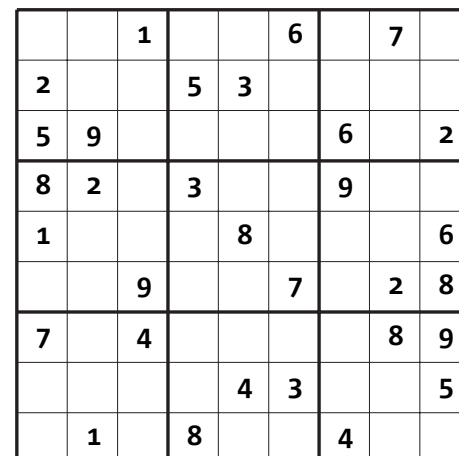
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In the news

NHL bad boy Sean Avery has (likely) retired

Hours before Sidney Crosby announced his return, Sean Avery said goodbye. Sort of. A guest on the Watch What Happens live program Monday night, Avery told host Andy Cohen that he was "officially retired. I threw my skates in the Hudson." Avery told the New York Post his statement "wasn't a joke. I'm retiring at the end of the season and it's OK." ● METRO/DG

In the news

**Howland stays**
UCLA head basketball coach Ben Howland will stay with the program the school announced yesterday.

Howland has dealt with not just a disappointing 19-14 season, but a Sports Illustrated expose that said Howland had lost control of the program.

The team did sign top recruit Kyle Anderson, from Fairview, N.J., to play next season.



▶ Stoudemire

Knicks' fall puts playoffs in question

For a time, the Knicks' greatest worries were a potential matchup with the Heat or Bulls in the first round of the playoffs. Now, they'd just like a shot at anybody.

Amar'e Stoudemire showed his frustration after the team's loss to the Bulls last night.

"We don't feel great about our position," Stoudemire told reporters. "We feel like we're a much better team than being the eighth seed."

The problem is that they don't even own that seed to themselves. The team's current six-game losing streak has put them in a tie for the No. 8 — and final — seed in the Eastern Conference with Milwaukee. And Cleveland is one up in the loss column as well.

The losses are taking a toll on the team's emotional well-being as much as their record.

"It's a hard situation to be in right now," Carmelo Anthony said after the Bulls loss. "Losing basketball games the way we're losing, it's kind of hard to stay upbeat. We'll have no choice but to do that and keep on pushing."

They will get their next chance to end the losing streak tonight when they host the Trail Blazers at Madison Square Garden at 7:30 p.m.

Portland (20-21) will be facing the Knicks in the fifth game of a brutal seven-game road trip that started with losses at Minnesota and Boston. After the Knicks they face the Bulls and then Oklahoma City before finally returning home.

● MARK OSBORNE

NFL free agency in pictures**Jets sign vet, Bears' trade steals spotlight**

Tuesday at 4 p.m. was the beginning of the always exciting NFL free agency period. But it was the Bears' trade for Brandon Marshall that was the biggest move.

Not surprisingly, Dan Snyder's Redskins also played a big role, snatching up an entire receiving corps for Robert Griffin III.

1: The Jets re-signed 10-year veteran **Bryan Thomas**. Thomas injured his Achilles last year.

2: The Redskins added not just **Pierre Garcon**, but Eddie Royal and Josh Morgan as well.

3: The Bears traded for Dolphins receiver **Brandon Marshall**, reuniting him with Jay Cutler.

4: It seemed like the only wide-out not to join the Redskins was **Vincent Jackson**, who signed with the Buccaneers.



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Rangers start new streak with win over Hurricanes

► After three-game losing streak, win over Carolina is second straight
► Richards scores two, Gaborik adds another ► Sid the Kid looms up next

It wasn't the way the Rangers wanted to play, but they got a win nonetheless.

New York's possible Vezna trophy winning goaltender, Henrik Lundqvist, was scratched before the game yesterday after coming down with flu-like symptoms.

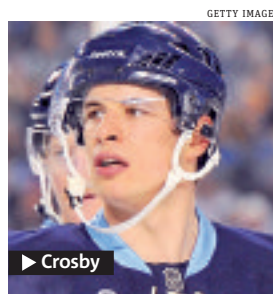
And yet, all it took was a little offense to get a new winning streak started. That offense started with the two biggest stars on the team — Marian Gaborik and Brad Richards.

The Rangers defeated the Hurricanes, 4-2, at Madison Square Garden for their second-straight win. It also served as the appetizer for a huge matchup with Atlantic Division rival Pittsburgh.

Gaborik, who played here last time out with an overtime game-winner against the Islanders, started the scoring

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Marty Biron made 27 saves in his spot duty for Henrik Lundqvist, who missed the game with the flu.

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▶ Crosby

for the Rangers last night. His 34th goal of the season came just 3:02 into the first period and was assisted by Dan Girardi and John Mitchell.

The Rangers' offense continued to stretch out the lead in the second period.

Richards added two goals in the span of three minutes in the second period to provide what would ultimately be too large of a margin to

overcome for Carolina.

Richards, who appears to be finally hitting his stride after an inconsistent start with his new team, scored his 22nd and 23rd goals of the season. Carl Hagelin assisted on both.

Tim Brent and Drayson Bowman added two goals for Carolina in the second, but that was as close as they would get. Hagelin added a goal in the third.

Crosby returns versus Rangers

The allure of a marquee matchup between two of the NHL's premier teams grew exponentially yesterday as Sidney Crosby announced he will dress for the Penguins on Thursday night against the Rangers at the Garden.

Crosby has played in just eight games this season as he recovers from post-concussion symptoms. He has not played since Dec. 5.

"I feel good," Crosby said after the Penguins' practice. "The plan is to play Thursday."

The Rangers lead the Penguins by four points for first place in the East. ● METRO



► Syracuse will be missing their big man in the middle.

'Cuse center Melo out of tournament

Hopefully you haven't submitted your final bracket yet.

Syracuse announced yesterday that center Fab Melo will be ineligible for the entire NCAA tournament.

The school announced nothing as the reason other than an "eligibility issue," but ESPN is reporting it is an academic issue connected to his first suspension in January.

"Given University policy and federal student privacy laws, no further details can be provided at this time," Syracuse's official athletic site said.

Melo did not even travel with the team to Pittsburgh for their opening game against No. 16 seed UNC-Ashville (Thursday, 3:10 p.m.).

The sophomore 7-footer is averaging 7.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game this season. He may be missed more defensively, where he anchors the middle of the Orange's vaunted 2-3 zone.

Melo was held out of three games earlier this season while the school looked into an academic issue. Their loss to Notre Dame on Jan. 21 — their only regular season defeat — came

2.9

Fab Melo is averaging 2.9 blocks per game this season. That is tied for 10th in the nation. James Southerland is second on the team with just 1.1 blocks per game.

during that three-game stretch. They also came out with a controversial two-point win over West Virginia, in which Melo's backup, Baye Keita, appeared to commit goaltending on a last second shot by West Virginia's Deniz Kilicli.

The Orange will likely play with a smaller lineup, as they did in the three games Melo missed earlier this season. Keita played significant minutes off the bench.

Syracuse has already dealt with a myriad of distractions this season, including the sexual assault scandal surrounding assistant coach Bernie Fine, who was later fired, and Yahoo! Sports' recent disclosure that former players hadn't been suspended after failing drug tests. **METRO**

Dwight on the move?

► Reports are Howard has no plans to re-sign with Magic ► Nets would be center's choice, though preferably after season ► Deadline is tomorrow

There hasn't been a lot of suspense as to the biggest name on the market in the NBA come tomorrow's deadline. The only questions are, "Will Dwight Howard go" and "If so, where?"

Yahoo! Sports reported last night that the Magic center has no plans to stay in Orlando after he becomes a free agent at the end of the season.

"Dwight's gone, and [Magic CEO] Alex Martins is the only person who doesn't believe that," an anonymous league source told Yahoo! NBA writer Adrian Wojnarowski.

The feeling among the general manager Otis Smith and head coach Stan Van Gundy is reportedly that Howard will leave and they would prefer to get something in return for their star player.

Howard has long been reported to prefer going to the Nets to play with fellow All-Star Deron Williams, who is also a free agent at the end of the season.

But were the Nets to trade for Howard midseason they would have to give up center Brook Lopez, a young player like MarShon Brooks and likely a draft pick. Yahoo! is re-



► Sources are reporting that Dwight Howard will not return to the Magic next season.

On deadline

The NBA trade deadline is Thursday at 3 p.m.

► ESPN reported yesterday that the Bulls were looking to acquire Pau Gasol from the Lakers.

porting that Howard would rather play out the season in Orlando and then sign with the soon-to-be Brooklyn Nets this offseason.

Williams, by all reports, would be glad to re-sign as long as Howard comes aboard.

For all the trade talks that have been dominating the news all season, Howard has

still had an excellent season.

He is averaging 21.1 points and 15 rebounds per game, the second-highest and highest totals of his career, respectively. The Magic were 27-15 heading into last night's action.



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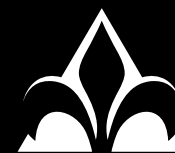
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Central Park South
The most expensive property listed this week is a duplex with four bedrooms at the Ritz Carlton on Central Park South. This enormous condo, spanning nearly 11,000 square feet with both Downtown and Central Park views, is listed by Brown Harris Stevens for \$77.5 million.



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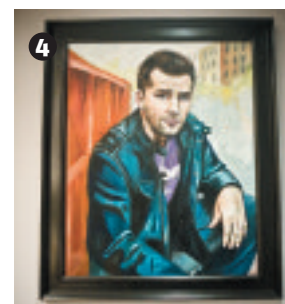
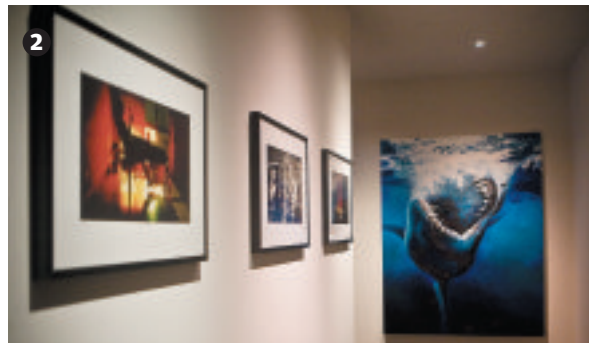
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Inside a 'Million

It should come as no surprise that Ryan Serhant, a real estate broker to the stars and cast member of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing New York" (Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on Bravo) has a pad that would make anyone — New Yorker or not — envious. We stopped by his Pine Street apartment to get a good look for ourselves. When he's not hanging out in his two-bedroom unit, he can take advantage of the building's many amenities: a sauna, billiards room, Turkish hamam and roof deck, to name a few. "It's one of the most full-service buildings in the city," he tells us.

1 "The kitchens were designed to be very New York kitchens, so they're kind of out of the way, which is perfect for me because I never use it. It disappears into the wall — it's almost like an art piece where everything hides." Under the



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sink there's a washer, dryer and dishwasher.

2"The first thing I wanted when people walked in was something there that would just kind of grab people," Serhant says of his entryway shark painting by Tom Booth. "I like art and I have a lot of pieces, so I wanted a lot of hallway space. It takes you like five seconds to actually get to the apartment because you're just walking through the hallway."

3"The bathrooms" — which feature imported stone — "are very pretty," he says. "You have the rain shower above, which is killer to take a shower in, [but] it makes it a little bit harder when you're taking a shower with two people."

4A portrait of Serhant hangs in the master bathroom. "Alex Garant painted that of me when I was doing 'As The



World Turns' and I thought it would be really cool so I framed it. And now everyone comes in here like, 'You're a d—bag, you have pictures of yourself?'"

5"I wanted a powerful bedroom, something comfortable. I like everything very, very clean, to look like it was there for a reason — even books that are on windowsills. I wanted a powerful headboard. Every art piece was picked specifically for a reason so that it gives off a certain image. I work in real estate, so I show this apartment to a lot of people, and a lot of people who are spending a lot of money on an apartment want to work with a real estate broker who cares about where he lives."

6"I grew up in a house with a lot of animal heads and antlers, but I would never do that in my own apartment, so I got a silver one."



7"Because I have people over all the time and I entertain, I didn't put the TV in here," Serhant says of the main space. "I put it in the second bedroom" — used as a den — "because that's the hangout place."

8"It's very, very simple," Serhant says of his design aesthetic. "I hate walking into apartments with a lot of stuff. My apartment has like nothing in it, and that's kind of the way I like it."

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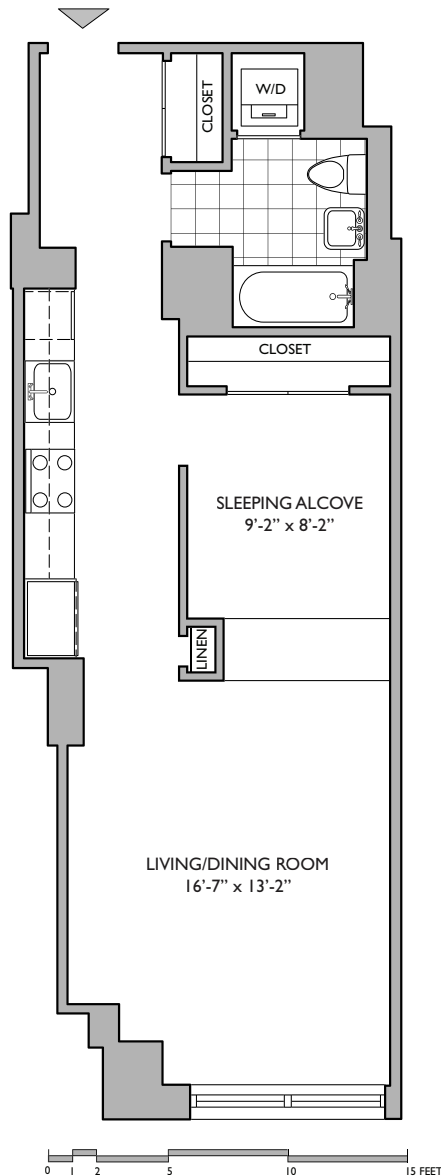
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